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SNC 080189

PROJECT SUMMARY

County: Madera

Applicant: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Project Title: Fine Gold Creek Riparian Fencing

PROJECT GOAL

This project proposal is to fence a portion of the Fine Gold Creek preserve owned by Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC). This fencing will create a riparian corridor along the creek for special grazing treatment. The project also includes two water development projects to locate water away from the creek area for use by cattle and wildlife. The project will allow SFC to manage grazing in the creek area separately from the remainder of the ranch, in order to repair damage to the riparian corridor from overgrazing.

PROJECT SCOPE

The 718 acre Fine Gold Preserve includes 1 and 1/2 miles of lower Fine Gold Creek just before the creek empties into Millerton Lake. The funds requested in this application will be used to construct two miles of fence along a mile of creek, develop two water sources into a ranch water system that will provide water to both sides of the creek, and cover all the monitoring and administrative costs associated with the project. It is SFC's goal to use this project to implement a new system of grazing on the property in which a large number of cattle will be placed on the preserve for a short period of time, this can only be accomplished if we provide some kind of protection to the riparian area.

This project will be used as a model for local cattlemen on riparian care and rotational grazing benefits. Conditions of forage around the creek will be measured yearly as well as photographs taken to document changes in the riparian area.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

California Department of Fish and Game

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Initial range conditions documented	October 2008

SNC Grant approval	December 2008
Fence line marking	December 2008
Water development project begin	January 1, 2009
Fence line construction begins	January 1, 2009
Water development project completion	March 30, 2009
Cattle guard instalation	March 1-15, 2009
Fence line completion	March 31, 2009
Rotational Grazing Program Begins	April 1, 2009
Continue grazing program and document range conditions for the next five years	2010-2014

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Wildlife Friendly Fencing Cost	\$58,080.00
Water Development Project	\$27,399.00
Range Monitoring	\$4,800.00
Administrative Costs	\$9,027.90
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Project Cost	\$99,306.90
SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$100,000.00